



General Competition Division



General Competition Division Youth, Masters, Associations

December 5, 2002

A short general competitions meeting was held on December 5, 2002 during the annual meeting of USATF. Below are the comments and agreements made by the attending members:

- In accordance with the Strategic Plan, how will the general competition groups be part of the Golden Spike Tour?
- Need to focus on memberships and members and the compelling reason why someone would join.
- Better communication of benefits.
- Explanation of the insurance and how it works.
- Merchandise and discounts.
- Use of the vanity e-mail address.
- COSCO – possibility of partnership?
- Stuffed mascot with the membership?

Submitted by,

Karen Krsak
AEC Secretary

Associations Committee

Alan Roth, Chair, called Executive Meeting of Associations to order.

Associations Not Being Seated

There are numerous Associations with issues that will be required to comply with the current regulations prior to being seated at this annual meeting.

Grievance panel for Potomac Valley: Vacated new by-laws Not properly handled through procedures and the April 2001 chairs are being reinstated to their positions. Alan will be appointing two individuals to oversee the handling of this association and that the adoption of new bylaws is done correctly.

Election of Officers

A 24-hour notice of the election is needed in advance of the election and must be posted. There are several candidates running for the AEC.

Chair

Bob Fine
Earl Williams
Scott Davis

Vice Chair

Ron Mascarenas
Ed Parrot

Secretary

Karen Krsak

Treasurer

Larry Jacobs

Due to term limits this is the current slate of nominees.

IAAF Forum

Candidates' Forum will be held on Thursday, December 5 from 7 – 8 pm. Each candidate will be allowed three minutes to speak and an additional two minutes for questions. The only speakers will be on contested races and will speak in the order listed in the book. A timer will be present to ensure all candidates have equal time to speak.

Subjects That Need to Be Covered in the General Sessions

- Report from Andy Martin
- Finance Report
- Club Revitalization
- Championships
- Handbook (\$2,500)
- \$4,000 for each region with a total of \$16,000
- \$14,940 in administrative costs
- Benefits Program
- Coaches Education
- Workshops – we have three bids
- Communications such as Fast Forward
- Associations Services – Association Manual
- New Medal Design
- Merchandise
- Schedule of Elections – process for those elections

Report from Andy Martin

Six to eight weeks have been spent on the Bylaw reviews.

Club revitalization committee met in Palo Alto during this past summer. It was determined that a starting point of \$23,500 would be given to club programs. The Akron Marathon will be used as the club relay championships, which will be the 1st Annual North American Marathon Relay between the USA, Canada and Mexico on October 11, 2003.

Alan interjected that the club manual has become a slow process and the hope is to have better promotion of existing championships.

Andy noted that the club applications have received positive feedback.

Six chapters of the Association's Manual have been completed and bound. They will continue to be updated on line with a date of the most recent revision. A download is possible via the PDF file on line. Each Association will receive two copies of the bound version prior to leaving the meeting.

Alan added information on the sanctioned event benefit program.

Additional Topics

Bob Langenbach is opposed to a piece of Reg 15 concerning the area where the Associations are required to submit a financial report. Item R43B was tabled in 2001 and since the Pacific Northwest Association is not under the USATF non-profit umbrella they want to bypass submitting the required financial report. Ed Parrot and Alan Roth explained the purpose behind the use of the reports and information they receive from each Association. After all discussion was completed Earl Williams entered a motion that all Associations needed to submit a financial report. Ed Parrot made a friendly change to the motion with Earl's permission. The change would move the item to Reg 15 from Article 6, using the Article 6 wording. *This motion was passed.*

Harry Simonis gave notice to the AEC that he intended to bring a motion to the Committee's business session to eliminate the term limits from our Operating Procedures. He had notified all the Association presidents. He cited Sec 6 Item B on page 199. He stated that 8 of 11 committees did not have term limits and did not believe that we should either. During the discussion Harry itemized goals and accomplishments during Alan's term. He had also checked this information with L&L prior to bringing it before the AEC. Operating rules can be changed at anytime and are effective immediately upon a majority vote.

The annual workshop was discussed. We have three cities that have made proposals to host the 2003 workshop. They are Louisville, Miami and Albuquerque. Robin Beamon gave a brief presentation for the Miami site. The workshop will be held on August 15 – 17, 2003.

It was decided that elections would be held on Friday, December 6 at 6:15 pm. Notices would be posted by Andy Martin that nominations would begin at 5:30 with brief statements by each candidate. Four separate blank ballots would be used with names being written on the ballots.

A planning session would be used instead of a session on diversity for Thursday. Stephanie Hightower, Chair of USATF's Diversity Taskforce, thought that we needed more time before such a session could be held.

It was decided that a form would be developed asking for specific information from each association and the association representatives at the meeting would first fill

out the form and then present it to the others present in the session.

- The two best areas that your association has
- The two worst areas that your association has
- Where you want to see your association in 3 – 5 years
- What more can the National Headquarters do for you

Saturday would be the business meeting. An agenda was developed with the following items:

- Awards
- Coaches Education
- Report from Andy
- Merchandise
- Regional Meetings
- Subcommittee Chair reports
- Committee Liaison Reports
- Grant Committee
- Coaches Screening – this brought additional discussion and would need two volunteers to work with the Youth Committee on proper procedures.
- New Medal Design
- National Club elimination via Reg 15 – Ed Parrot

Kountez gave her financial report, which was accepted by the AEC.

Assn's Cmte – December 5, 2003

Harry Simonis, concerning the elimination of term limits for the Associations Committee, brought a motion to the floor. He explained that 8 of 11 committees have term limits of two 4-year terms while ours is the only committee limited to two 2-year terms and he is in favor of eliminating ours. The motion was as follows:

To delete the (2) year term limit noted in Section 6, Item B of the Associations Operating Procedures. Item B reads as follows...*Terms: The term of office for each elected officer shall be (2) years. No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, and the election of officers shall be held in even-numbered years.* Delete the following...(No elected officer shall serve more than two (2) consecutive terms in the same office, and)...Item B would then read as follows: "The term of office for each elected officer shall be two (2) years. The election of officers shall be held in even-numbered years".

Much discussion followed and then a call for the question occurred. Tom Light requested paper ballots. Ballots were given and collected by a roll call of valid voters. *The motion passed 35 to 9.*

Association Forms were passed out for each Association to complete. Alan provided ten to fifteen minutes to fill out the forms and then a presentation from each Association present was made. It was found that many of the

Associations have the same issues and do the same things well. Prior to leaving each association was to turn the form into the Secretary.

The Workshop locations were discussed and the dates given as August 15 – 17, 2003. The choices would be Miami, Louisville or Albuquerque. No funding for a second Workshop would be available for 2003.

The USATF foundation was discussed at the end of the session.

December 6, 2003

This meeting began 20 minutes late due to the meeting prior to ours running past its time limit.

Andy Hecker gave a presentation on Association websites. There is a need for fewer graphics and a greater need for information that is updated and accurate. It was decided that this would be a good topic for the Workshop next August.

Memberships/Sanctions/Insurance

Andy Martin and Jim Elias gave handouts on memberships and sanctions. What is a sanction and how does it work? To obtain a sanction, the event must have a competitive nature. Insurance can only be obtained by having a sanctioned event. A sanction with no insurance allows events that have their own insurance to obtain a sanction. There are also the questions of liability insurance. The questions of who is insured and how does it work? There were several examples given to better illustrate this. A 3rd party insurance certificate allows the adding of an additional insurer such as a city, parks and recreation etc with respect to the event. Various other types of insurance were discussed and explained with examples.

Elections

Due to the discussions of the above, the nominations began at 5:45 pm. Since the operating procedures had been revised the day before, Alan declared his intent to run for Chair, Kountez for Treasurer and Ronnie Smith for Vice Chair.

For Chair we have Alan Roth and Bob Fine running due to the other two candidates withdrawing their nominations. Bob Fine was first to speak and he indicated his disappointment in the change to the Operating Procedures. At that time he withdrew his name for chair and indicated his intent to run for vice chair. Alan was elected by acclamation.

For the two positions of Vice Chair we had Ed Parrot, Ronnie Smith, Ron Mascarenas and Bob Fine. Each spoke giving their position. The vote was taken and the two receiving the majority of votes were Ed Parrot and Ron Mascarenas.

For Secretary there is one candidate, Karen Krsak. She was reelected by acclamation.

Treasurer had two candidates: Kountez Moore and Larry Jacobs. Larry spoke first and withdrew his name for nomination. Kountez then was elected by acclamation.

December 7, 2003

An agenda was provided to everyone and the business meeting opened with committee reports.

Masters Track & Field by Marilyn Mitchell – Discussion on the national clubs at the master level. Bids were approved out to 2005.

Grant Committee Report by Bill Guy – Additional information will be forthcoming on the acceptance or rejection of grant applications received. Bill is looking to restructure the grants program and by the middle of December or January a timeline will be provided for that structure. At the workshop a grant writing session will be held. The USATF Foundation is a separate source of money not be confused with the grant process.

National Headquarters report by Andy Martin. Andy had several issues to discuss with the group.

Merchandise, which will be provided to the Associations at a wholesale price. Samples have been boxed and distributed at the meeting by the manufacturer. There will be set times to order which will be quarterly. The first time has a deadline of December 31, 2002 with delivery on February 1, 2003. This is about a 3–4 week turnaround on the merchandise which will have the association name added to the merchandise. There will only be one name authorized to order the products and an order sheet is included in the box.

The Association Manual has 6 of 11 chapters completed. Two manuals will be provided for each Association and only the president will be able to pick them up. If the president is not at the meeting they will be mailed. Chapters will be added and or updated on the website. They can be printed and replace the old copy.

Many advances have been made this year but much more can be done. They were stretched thin with the goals of the Associations.

Member based services:

- Dollar for dollar the benefit package that we have is good compared to other NGBs. Our membership is \$10 to \$20 less.
- 30% of all memberships were handled online this year.
- A list of 25 items for additional functionality is being prioritized.

- The member's only drawing has been a big success with three winners monthly and around 1,000 entries per month.
- Membership cards were mailed late and that is an area for improvement.
- Four issues of Fast Forward were completed and mailed this year.
- Advertising in Fast Forward is still being pursued for the future.
- Member decals sponsored by Nike were a big success.
- USATF website is better for content.
- The online calendar was successful and will tie into sanctioned events.
- Cooperation between Running USA and the RRIC of USATF will allow for putting results race rankings for individuals on the website.
- Working to have an Association directory page which will have an individual page for each Association like a mini-website.
- Club revitalization is moving along. There is the national club T&F championship and there will be the marathon relay championship in Akron, Ohio and the club handbook. We are encouraging club scoring wherever it is feasible.
- Association manual
- Document resource center
- Association Resource CD with additional resources
- The National LDR Club Championship will be the Akron Marathon. There will be prize money of \$5,000 for men, women and club. Jim Barnett gave a presentation on this event and talked about the North American Challenge between the US, Canada and Mexico. First place will receive \$25,000, second place, \$10,000 and third place, \$5,000.

Rules report by Norm Brand. No rules changes applied directly to the associations but he would entertain questions. No one had any.

Men's LDR report by George Regan. Adirondack will be having a qualifier for the Akron Marathon. Discussion in the LDR committee consisted of team competition, all-star teams, team scoring, association teams and bids. The winning bids can be found on the website calendar.

Ray Lapinski gave Women's LDR report. Elizabeth Phillips is the new chair of the committee. Announcements were made on bids and winners can be found on the website calendar. Clinics for LDR official's certification would help to boost officials. LDR Coaches certification from RRCA is a work in progress but different than the Level I Coaches certification.

Linda Bommicino stated that two new regional championships, one each in the west and south had

occurred. \$1,000 is available in prize money for each of the regional.

There was discussion of D&O Insurance (directors and officers) by Jim Elias. General liability insurance covers property damage and bodily injury. There are two layers, one at \$500,000 and another at \$1million, that run between \$450 - \$1000 per year with an expected increase in cost of about 10% - 15% for 2003. The items that general liability does not cover are libel and slander, harassment, and employee liability. There were many questions on this issue.

Alan discussed the coaches screening and noted that Pacific has had a program for three years. With this intended to be a national screening, cost is involved. Alan will be asking for two volunteers to work with the youth committee and the legal department to develop a plan.

L&L Committee -- Scott Erwin: Submissions that were tabled last year were passed with minor changes. National clubs will be eliminated in 2004.

Youth Committee -- Ruth Van Kuren: The hammer throw was discussed but ended in a tie vote so it was tabled and will go before a task force for review. The steeplechase was added for high school age girls. The winning bids will be located on the website calendar.

Accreditation Subcommittee -- Harry Simonis for Gertrude Thomasson who was tied up with Member Services obligations. Four Associations have received full accreditation – Gulf, Minnesota, New England and New Jersey. Thirty-seven (37) Associations have been assigned to the level (ii) provisional accreditation, subject to further improvement. Most issues are minor. Fifteen (15) Associations have been assigned to level (iii) which means their Association voting rights at the Greensboro Annual Meeting will be suspended pending full compliance with Regulation 15 by the timeline noted. 1 Association has been decertified – Wyoming. Wyoming will be merged with the Colorado Association. New name is pending. By the end of December, all (52) non-compliant Associations will receive a detailed letter from this committee outlining their deficiencies, and be given a definite timeline to meet full compliance. This committee recognizes that some of the smaller Associations will probably never be able to reach some of the minimum standards and will take this into consideration when reviewing each individual association's documents. The time line is as follows:

1. May 15, 2003 will be the deadline for the (52) Associations to submit their provisional bylaws to the National Headquarters for distribution and review by the accreditation subcommittee.
2. August 1, 2003 will be the deadline for all other noted deficiencies to be corrected and submitted to the National Headquarters for distribution and review by the accreditation subcommittee.

The APPROVED bylaws must be submitted to the National Headquarters by November 15, 2003 or 2 weeks subsequent to their annual meeting. Association voting rights will be suspended from all associations not meeting this timeline.

Barbara Chambers, Chair of the Athletics for the Disabled Committee. She was disappointed to see only six Associations represented at their meeting. The Association manual will have wording for the disabled. They finally have a definition for disabled, which took more time than she anticipated. An Association award will be given next year to the Association that does the most for its disabled athletes. During the workshop a form will be distributed concerning the award.

Race Walking – Steve Vaitones: Full schedules of events were distributed to Association representatives. Vince Peters from Ohio is putting them together in order of events. Steve also discussed the Cross Country Council, which is very active and strong in their thoughts. Looking to develop more association events and the structure of the council will remain the same.

Alan discussed the **vanity e-mail**, which is currently being tested. There would be step-by-step instructions on how to set it up and use it. The idea would be that you would work this through the USATF website and it would be free to members. Alan noted that we will be getting the \$10 coupon for Foot Locker as a member benefit. Additional products and services will be coming.

Coaches Education was a topic for Alan. It was noted that this is a sticky issue and that procedures keep biting us. They continue to look for better ways than the current three-day approach. Next year we will have an increase of schools from 25 to 40. The need to be cheaper and more available was noted. Use of on-line classes with practical certification of a 1 or 1.5 day class would be needed. Brooks Johnson, Alan Roth, Pat Pretty and Bill Roe continue to pursue this topic. Seems that problems continue to exist with communication. The USTCA was noted for being expensive.

The meeting was then adjourned at 5:15 pm

Submitted by:

Karen Krsak
Secretary

JOINT MEETING Masters T&F and Masters LDR

December 6 – 1:00 pm

George Mathews, Masters T&F chair, opened the meeting. He stated the agenda will be followed, though some items will be reordered.

USATF Foundation

John McArdle, President of the foundation, reported that the USATF Foundation has 501-C-3 status with Internal Revenue Service and is a means to undergird the financing of our sport. Today he received promise of a bequest for \$100,000. Jerry Donley, member of the Foundation Board added that Masters have pressed for such a vehicle that makes possible long range giving.

WMA Stadia Report

Rex Harvey said he was the Vice President of Stadia and Tom Jordan is WMA Executive Vice President. The next championships will be in Carolina, Puerto Rico. Three stadia will be used. The dates are July 2-13, 2003. Expect high humidity, though a 3-hour siesta will be observed with events held before 11:00 a.m. and after 2:00 p.m. each day. Second track is at the University of Puerto Rico about 3 miles from the main stadium. Third track is the International Stadium on the San Juan coast. Cross-Country will use a golf course on the Atlantic coast. The Opening and Closing Ceremonies will be held in the Roberto Clemente Baseball Stadium. Marathon will start outside that stadium with a 4:35 a.m. start.

Tom Jordan said Flash Results will do the timing, so should have rapid reporting. Expect numbers from Europe to be lower than usual, so housing rates will likely drop. Shuttles will serve the major hotels. Opening Ceremony will be July 1, the day before competition.

“Quad” rooms will have only 2 beds. English version entry forms are still expected soon. Rex Harvey reported that IAAF has mandated the World Masters Games of 2005 in Edmonton has to move from the San Sebastian WMA Non-Stadia date conflict

WMA Team Manager Report

Sandy Pashkin said entry booklets would be mailed to 3 sites: Northwest Event Management; Ski & Travel; and USATF national office. Sandy expects to provide an insert with the booklets with information needed by the competitors. Mary Rosado will serve as the Masters LDR team manager; Sandy and Mary have a history of working together.

WMA Non-Stadia Report

Charles DesJardins said the 2002 Non-Stadia championships were held in Riccione, Italy. The local organizers did a great job and could well be the bidders for the 2007 World T&F championships. Leon, Mexico,

NCCWMA championships this past summer suffered from many problems the local organizers had. The Half Marathon and RW courses had to be created by Brian Keaveney, Non-Stadia chair. The 2004 Non-Stadia championships will be in early spring in Auckland, New Zealand—the first to feature the new 5-day schedule.

Masters Hall of Fame Report

Norm Green reported that on September 9 he had mailed 169 ballots to previous Masters Hall of Fame honorees, and Masters T&F and Masters LDR committee members as listed in the 2002 USATF Directory. Four were returned as undeliverable, which means 165 ballots should have been received. We had 126 ballots returned, for a much better participation percentage than in previous years. Previous honorees of the Masters Hall of Fame recorded an 86% return, showing how much value them place on this honor.

The class of 2002 added 10 active athletes, each of whom received a majority of the votes cast. They are: Larry Colbert, Robert Fine, Everett Hosack, Leonard Olson, Dave Romansky, James Stookey, James Sutton, Johnnye Valien, Betty Vosburgh, and Kenneth Weinbel.

The Old-Timers Committee presented the names of: Bill Brobston, Buell Crane, Dave Jackson, Sandra Kiddy, Thomas McDermott, and Jim Vernon. The audience affirmed the selection of all 6, exceeding the usual five old-timers for election.

The Active ballot for 2001 will carry over: Fay Bradley, Jack Bray, Phil Brusca, Gerry Davidson, Dudley Healy, Paul Heitzman, Betty Jarvis, Carol Johnston, Emil Pawlik, Carol Peebles, Armando Ricciardi, Elton Richardson, and William Walmroth. The committee has added the following 12 individuals for 2003: Harry Brown, Bill Collins, Jeanne Daprano, Margaret Hinton, Richard Hotchkiss, Leon Joslin, Dale Lance, George Mathews, Mary Norckauer, Joan Rowland, Chuck Sochor, and Joan Stratton.

He stated that 6 Old-Timer athletes will carry-over to the 2003 ballot. They are: Konrad Boas, Milo Lightfoot, Ham Morningstar, Marilla Salisbury, Linda Upton, and Gordon Wallace. The committee will add the following for 2003: Jaclyn Caselli, Phil Conley, Ruth Eberle, Nolan Fowler, Robert Hunt, Tom Patsalis, Bob Richards, Lurline Struppeck, Sal Vasquez, and James York.

Norm then reported that another 49 individuals have met the 10-year criterion and are either deceased or have been inactive for five years. Thus, the Old-Timers committee will not run out of candidates for the foreseeable future. He also stated that we have 180 Actives who have met the 10-year criterion.

Norm thanked the present MHOF committee: Jerry Donley, Mel Larsen, Bev LaVeck, Shirley Matson, and Joan Ottaway with Ruth Anderson, Jerry Crockett,

George Mathews, and Len Olson joining for the Old-Timers process.

Without objection the group agreed to continue the procedures that have served well in the past 6 years.

Rex Harvey noted that Everett Hosack's wife (age 92) has recently died.

National Masters News Report

Jerry Wojcik and Suzy Hess gave the NMN report. Jerry said that the May 2002 issue reported the sale of NMN from Runner's World to the NMN staff. They continue to wonder why the journal fails to receive more LDR subscribers, since they have made efforts to cover the sport.

Suzy said they have an 80.5% renewal rate. They have upgraded their website and suggest that Masters LDR provide a link to their website from its page on the USATF website. Marilyn Mitchell stated that their subscription service overseas is proving to be a block—she hears of many persons who claim not to receive copies after paying for subscriptions.

There was a proposal for holding a road race with a major Masters T&F Championship to increase the interface of the two sporting audiences. There was interest expressed in the idea.

WMA Entry Books

Sandy Pashkin suggested that persons write Mark Springer at the national office or contact him through Mark.Springer@usatf.org.

IAAF Masters Committee Candidates

Rex Harvey provided his qualifications for the position and answered questions. Charles DesJardins followed Rex and spoke of his qualifications. Rex was given a brief moment to provide a rebuttle.

Marketing and Communications

Craig Masback, CEO, said USATF had no marketing plan or department when he started. His early efforts were focused on elite athlete marketing and drove sponsorship dollars from \$2 million to \$9 million. He now sees youth, LDR, and masters as great upside market. The Masters movement fits the demographic trend of our nation. Craig expects to report next year that we have a Masters sponsor.

Jill Geer, Director of Communications, began March 2000. At that time the fax list was 300; it is now 1,000. Our website is viewed by 10,000 each day. Jill has moved to Boston and will be covering the Masters indoor championships in conjunction with the US Open and the Adidas meet. She handed out a new booklet "Using the Local Media to Your Advantage".

The meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m. with apologies to Associations Committee for being overtime.

Respectfully submitted,
Norman Green, Masters LDR Chair

Youth Athletics

Wednesday, December 4 -- Session One

Meeting called to order – Quorum present
Welcome by Chairman Bob Flint. Only registered delegates may vote.

Nancy asked for nominations to be presented at the end of this session for the Frank Sevigne and Bill Hargrove awards.

Approval of agenda and additional items were given. They will be added under #8 new business to be handled at the Friday session.

- a. Footlocker JO & Cross Country conflict of dates
- b. New Sponsors
- c. Medical
- d. Entry Fees
- e. Multi-year membership
- f. Entry Procedures

The minutes of 2001 were approved.

Bob introduced all of the committees and welcomed them to the convention.

He then commented on the Youth Budget. It will be available for revue at the General Session.

The National Executive Board is working on a Strategic plan. Youth is very much involved.

The Membership Committee advised us that all elections must take place before Saturday. We have reflected this in our agenda. Make sure and use the brown schedule that is being handed out at the convention.

Please look at the new bid documents or inquire about them. There have been changes made, so please consider bidding.

Bob Kreutz is reporting for Cross Country in the absence of chairman Ron Boemker. He reported on Schaumburg, Illinois, and Joplin, Missouri. Both are good sites. It will be up to the membership to make the choice. Site evaluation forms will be available for your review on Friday prior to bid presentations.

Kenny Emerick & Glenn Fortune will handle the rules discussion and procedures. Kenny handed out a flyer on the process, which stated that, 1) Debate shall be limited to items pulled; 2) Debate shall be limited to 10 minutes

per item; 3) Time may be extended 10 minutes by motion and vote of the committee; 4) No member may speak a second time to the item as long as any other member desires to speak and has not spoken to the item and as long as the discussion is within the allocated time of debate; and 5) Members desiring to speak to the item must rise and be recognized by the rules chair prior to speaking. He also handed out a flyer on the recommendations from the Youth Rules Committee and the Youth Executive Committee. The presentation was delayed so that we could secure proposed rules book changes for those that didn't have them.

Denise Smotherman gave her report on Records: In 2002 we had 14 records set. Denise passed out a list of those records. She asked for approval. Records accepted and she will present to Records chairman.

Bob Flint made a report for Law & Legislation in the absence of Cheryl Gray. Kenny mentioned that IAAF and USOC changes would be abided by Youth. Inez asked about the item on page 11 regarding clubs. Emerick said that they are eliminating National clubs. This does not apply to the Youth Clubs.

Kenny continued with rules: Books were passed out to the voting delegates.

What items need to be pulled: 150, 144, 158, 149, 3, 140, 147, 156, 160, 161

- John Wissler made a motion that we approve of all items not pulled. *Motion carried.*
- John Wissler made a motion that we accept rejected items not pulled. *Motion carried.*
- Items 123 and 152 withdrawn.
- Item 3 was amended to read legally documented non-citizens. *Motion accepted to approve*
- Item 140 basically same as Item 3. *Motion accepted to approve.*
- Item 144 motion made to reject. Motion to extend discussion 10 minutes carried. 25 votes to reject; 25 to accept. *Motion failed*
- John Wissler made a motion that Item 144 be accepted as written. 22 voted for and 26 against. *Motion passed.*

Bob asked that we make a motion to finish the rules session for tonight. Bob Kreutz made the motion. *Motion carried.*

- Item 147 accept as amended. Motion accepted to amend. *Motion carried*
- Item 149 motion made to accept. 19 for 20 against. *Motion failed.*
- Item 150 motion made to accept. 21 for 19 against. *Motion carried.*
- Item 156 as amended motion made to accept. Friendly amendment coach/parent. *Motion carried.*
- Item 158 motion made to accept. Amendments to remove the combined event competition to read

top three to Nationals. *Motion made to table the amended Motion until the multi-event chair was available to give us statistics. 19 to table 17 opposed. Motion made to table the entire item. Motion carried.* It will be brought up again on Friday between the 2 and 6:30 session. We will request that Pat Pretty be present.

- Item 160 as amended motion made to accept. *Motion carried. 38*
- Item 161 as amended motion made to accept as amended. *Motion carried.*
- Motion made to un-table Item 158 and its amendment. Pat Pretty presented his statistics. The amendment failed. Inez made motion we add amendment to accept the third or fourth place athlete. *Motion failed. Motion to accept 158 passed.*

Bob thanked Kenny and Glenn for the good job they do.

Bob has asked Dorothy to handle the nominations for officers. There were no nominations for Chair, Executive Chair, Vice Chair of Operations, and Vice Chair of Administration. One nomination for secretary, Inez Finch Nominations open for 5 At-Large Delegates: Frosty Anderson, Denise Smotherman, Ron Graham, Ron Boemker, Kenny Emerick, Mary Aude, Roma Poole, Bill Mongovan, Mary Watters, Gloria Wright, Cheryl Knox, Elizabeth Tate.

Nominations were closed. The nominations will be posted prior to elections per Member Services instructions.

Session adjourned

Friday December 6 – Session Two

Meeting called to order. Quorum present

Bob gave instructions regarding the bid procedure.

Doug Padilla as a guest speaker spoke to us regarding cross country registration. They would like the authority to charge an increased fee payable to the organizing committee, for entries that are waived in or late. He would like the option of using other software. Now we use HyTek. John Wissler suggested we present the problem of waivers and late entries to Bylaws. As for HyTek, it was voted on by the membership. He would have to present to our technology committee.

John McArdele a guest speaker spoke to us regarding USATF Foundation. They are very pleased with the response from our track and field community. We can designate where we want our donations to go. They will be giving annual reports to account for the monies and how distributed.

Bob asked the bid presenters to get set up. All delegates must remain in the room until both bids are presented.

Schaumburg, Illinois presented their bid promptly at 10:00. Introductions were made and a slide presentation was given. The hotel rate will be between \$59-\$99. Flights are affordable because of O'Hara being such a large hub. Twelve properties are within 15 minutes of the course. All hotels offer free parking. Shuttles will be available. The course is spectator friendly. No paved trails, mostly grass, not very hilly. Weather conditions are cold and they usually don't have snow at that time of the year. Medical staff will be provided per the contract. Ruth White asked questions regarding officials. They will be taken care of per our contract. There will be a tent area for the athletes to keep out of the weather until their race.

Joplin, Missouri presented their bid promptly at 10:35. A short video was presented of the course, and the organizing committee. Introductions were made. The campus is a rolling hills development. Motels located within 15 minutes of the course. The weather will be moderately cold. Airports are convenient. Ruth White asked questions regarding officials. They will be taken care of per our contract. Hotel rates will be from \$50 to \$69. Shuttle will be available on an as need basis. The Missouri Valley Association along with the Sports Authority will be running the meet. Rental cars will be available at special rates along with vans.

Nancy Seifert made roll call and ballots were passed out to the voting delegates.

Kelly from USATF, guest speaker presented a scholarship program available. Please pick up at the National office or from Kelly.

Schaumburg, Illinois was awarded the bid.

Meeting adjourned

Friday December 6 – Session Three

Meeting called to order. Quorum present.

Ballots distributed for the Youth Awards. Nominated were Pat Pretty, John Wissler, Wisconsin and Nebraska Associations.

Kenny reported on rules, all passed except 144 on the hammer. A Task force has been formed, starting with Kenny and Glenn. We have agreed to work together with the Masters, Men and Women's Committees to come up with a viable plan that will work for the Youth Program and will present it at next year's annual meeting after all statistics are compiled. If you have any Youth Athletes that meets the requirements in the hammer for the World Youth Meet please let the Youth Committee know.

Dr. Mark Troxler and Dr. Harmon Brown from the medical committee:

Dr. Brown explained how the youth program was developed and a key part he had in it.

The IAAF is interested in organizing and developing a youth program. Dr. Harmon and Bill Roe came up with some guidelines and recommendations. It has been presented to the Youth Committee before any other Committees. He gave us a print out of the Workshop recommendations and asked that we review and comment. A booklet will be sent around the world with procedures and suggestions for the Youth Program. They will also work on an Athletes bill of rights. They are also working on the age definition. The IAAF has proposed a revision to IAAF Rule 141. They must be 16 years of age but under 18 by December 31 of the calendar year. Dr. Brown would like our recommendations by the end of our sessions. Linda Phelps recommended that it be put under new business tomorrow, for discussion. Motion carried.

Dr. Troxler discussed drug testing. He gave out a report for our review regarding drug testing and supplements that can and cannot be taken. He elaborated on the fact that we should read labels and be aware of what is in the product. Also beware of all natural products and products that promise results immediately. We should most of all exercise common sense. He also discussed what he felt was necessary in terms of physicians and trainers for our major meets ... Youth and Junior Olympics. A question and answer period followed.

Fred Newhouse for US Corporate Track & Field. They form teams corporations that compete against each other. They would like to become part of USATF. Their goal is to promote Track & Field for all of the USATF entities. If we have any Regional Coordinators who could give them some time, they'll meet Saturday at 10:00.

Charlie Shepherd for the Athletes for the Disabled. USOC has formed the US Paralympic committee. The problem is they are focusing on the Elite Program. He would like to see Youth involved. How can we help the disabled athletes? He suggested as coaches and clubs, invite disabled athletes into our clubs. If you have any questions or concerns, contact him.

Pat Pretty reported on the Combined events for Youth and JO's. He mentioned his concern about qualified medical (pole vault in Minnesota). He reported on the Youth Meet in Florida. There were 109 athletes. We did have some rain delays. JO had 225 athletes. It went very well. He also reported on Coaches Education. It is coming along quite well. He gave dates for upcoming Coaches Education programs. He also mentioned safety equipment that may come into effect for Pole Vault. The women are still moving toward Decathlon.

Member Services came in to conduct the election of the Youth Officers and Delegates at Large.

Motion on the floor by Roma Poole that all the officers submitted except Secretary be elected by acclamation. *Motion carried.* Roll call taken to distribute ballots by Member Services, for election of Secretary.

Jan Johnson, ASTM Pole Vault Safety Chair, gave a report on the new restrictions regarding pole vault. He made suggestions concerning equipment. They have set up an advisory board to educate parents, coaches and athletes. There will be a website available at www.skyjumpers.com.

Elections continued, Nancy Seifert was elected as Secretary.

Roll call was done and ballots were distributed for Delegates at large.

Denise Smotherman, Frosty Anderson and Mary Waters were elected on the first ballot and Roma Poole and Ron Graham were elected on the second ballot. **A motion was made to destroy the ballots.** *Motion carried.*

Bob Kreutz gave the Cross country report in the absence of Ron Boemker. It was held in Lincoln, Nebraska for 2001. There 2300 athletes entered and 1815 finishers. Had some technical difficulties in the chute. Results were slow; Awards ceremony was late but well run. Overall it went very well.

Dorothy Dawson gave a report on the Junior Olympic meet in Miami Florida. Lightning was a problem. It was a good meet. There were many good family comments. The food, shuttle and accommodations were very good. Officials were treated very well.

Linda Phelps reported on the Junior Olympic Meet in Omaha. The meet was excellent.

Meet management took care of all the details. Behind the scenes we were able to network with the HyTek computers and it worked very well. We did have one lightning delay. The athlete village was good. The Officials shirts were most colorful.

Inez Finch gave a report on the up and coming Cross country meet. 2875 athletes have registered. The medical is outstanding, doctors, ambulances and helicopters. We did have some problems with entries, but they are all in now. Looking forward to seeing us in Georgia.

Ron Mascarenas reported on the Cross country in Albuquerque, for 2003. Passport will be ready in March. Everything else is falling into place.

Lionel Leach and Ron Graham reported on Youth Nationals in Buffalo 2003. They are going to adhere to a deadline. No entries after June 20th. No starting times will be posted in the Passport. They will be posted on the

website. They will use on-line entry. A preliminary passport will be available tomorrow. A correction on the above – An unofficial time for events will be in the Passport. You will be able to enter on-line individually and as clubs and you will be able to pay by credit card. The Youth Athletic form will follow the same format as the one used for Junior Olympic. There will be fees listed for on time entries and late entries. Races that are competed in lanes, the top eight will automatically come back to the finals. They will use qualifying standards.

Jack Harges gave report on 2003 Junior Olympics in Miami. They are very pleased to be working with the Youth Committee and the Officials. We will be able to email our database and check to one place when our Regionals are done. Tropical Park is complete and will be ready. He introduced all the people that will be involved. Patrice Wilson and Derrick Calhoun will be the meet Directors. General Information Book was passed out and is up to date. The time schedule for the meet has been changed. We will be coming down during what is called the dry season. Many changes have been made to accommodate everyone.

They would like us to supply them with some human-interest stories. There will be a web site available to get this information to them. John had a question on the 4 x 8 change. This is the schedule the Executive Committee has developed. There was a question on the Midget Boys and Girls Triathlon, and the problem with the 4x8. Pat Pretty stated that it was up to the coaches to decide what is best for the athlete. At the present time this is a one-year time schedule. Question on the Doppler system? Robin stated that it was based on the lightning detector. Safety was the main concern.

Motion made to adjourn

Saturday December 7 – Session Four

Meeting called to order. Quorum present

Bob mentioned that we would have some additional speakers to our agenda.

Nancy announced the recipients of the outstanding persons in their Association. They are Jack & Carol Porter of Inland Northwest; Bruce & Cindy Long, Three Rivers; Ken King, St. Louis; Ron & Liza Mascarenas, New Mexico; Jay Dirksen, Nebraska; and Sue Pearson, Arizona

Plaques were awarded to our 2001 recipients of The Frank Sevigne Award, Dorothy Dawson and the Bill Hargrove Award went to the Illinois Association.

The Recipient of the 2002 Frank Sevigne award is John Wissler. The Bill Hargrove award went to the Nebraska

Association. They will be given their plaques at next year's annual meeting.

Jim Duncan presented the 2003 Performance Standards for combined events and track & field. Question was brought up concerning the word Standard as opposed to Guidelines.

Bob suggested that we take a vote as to whether we should use the word standard or guidelines. **Glenn Fortune made a motion that we call them standards. Motion carried.** Motion made and carried to accept the standards as presented.

Mr. Connolly spoke regarding the hammer throw. He reported that the matter went to the rules committee and they proposed a task force to examine what is necessary to implement the proposal.

Tom Taylor from Hy-Tek presented some options that the Associations have. One is to call Hy-Tek at 252-633-5111. Also, for free, they can make cd's to send in electronically. Do entries on line. Licensing is offered by Hy-Tek. There are four options. You can contact them for information and procedures. Email at tom@hy-tektd.com or hy-tektd.com.

John Wissler made a motion to instruct the National Headquarters to have a discussion with Youth regarding the conflict of dates between Footlocker and the National meets. Bob spoke to National Headquarters and they told Bob there were limited dates in the month of December. Bob asked for a motion that a subcommittee be formed to handle this. Motion was made and carried.

Erika Baxter mentioned that she feels we need to look into our medical help at the major meets. Bob advised her that it is a problem we are working on.

Lionel spoke to the issue of sponsors that would directly affect our grass roots program. One of them is using discount rates. Coach USA is one of them that we can utilize for our National Championship. They will be on the USATF Web and information will be sent to all registered clubs. Enterprise Car Rental will also give us a 25% discount and also help the LOC. Lionel is working on the airline situation. Bob mentioned that we are not able to solicit for Sponsors. We can call them "Benefits".

Multi-year membership is not offered at a discount. Can we look into the matter? Bob said we could approach the membership committee. Bob asked our representative Richard Lewis to look into the matter.

Inez brought up the matter of entry procedures. She would like to reinforce that it starts with the Youth Chairs to inform their Association people how important it is to fill out the forms properly. It was suggested that email be put on the form. John would like to see a uniform age verification stamp. Bob will inform the National

Headquarters to send them out to the Youth chair and Regional Coordinators.

Lionel brought back on the floor the IAAF Revision to IAAF rule 141 – age groups 14-17. It would now read at least 16 years of age to under 17 in the calendar year. John Wissler made a motion to accept. Seconded. Motion defeated. **Motion made to change to read any athlete under the age of 18 and at least 14 years of age in the calendar year of competition. Motion carried.**

John Wissler was concerned about the qualifications for the World Youth Meet. The Junior meet has been allowed to come into the qualification area. John made a motion that the Youth Committee demand that the collection from the World Youth team come only from Youth Athletics meet and the JO Meet. Motion carried. Bob will present to the Executive Board.

DeEtte reported for the Regional Coordinators in the absence of representative Larry Seifert. They were given their meet directions by Robin Beamon for the 2003 Junior Olympics and given up-to-date literature. New verbiage will be added to the entry form. Larry Seifert was re-elected as Regional Coordinator representative.

Linda presented the calendar committee recommendation for 2007. **Motion made to accept, seconded. Correction made on North Carolina instead of South Carolina for convention. Motion carried.**

Linda reported on the computer committee: There were some problems in Florida with the servers. It was handled. We have been asked to look at an alternative program. Linda would like to know if we want to change. **John Wissler made a motion that we re-affirm that Hy-Tek is our program in track & field and cross country. Motion carried.**

Youth coaches association report made by John Wissler. Russ Ebbets, has a magazine called Track Coach Magazine and if we get articles to him regarding youth he will be glad to print them. You can reach him at PO box 229 Union Springs NY 13160, e-mail spinedoctor229@hotmail.com. There were over 40 coaches with voting privileges, and they feel that the Youth committee for the Youth National Championships should appoint officials. The dues are \$10 per year and they will be given a patch to verify membership. They will be producing a newsletter for the coming year. There were some concerns about the change of the 4 x 8 at the JO's. Liza Mascarenas gave a report on the World Youth Program. Dr. Brown said they would be having a meeting.

Coach of the year for the zones were selected

The World Youth Committee has a booth here at the annual meeting for any information we may need.

Richard Lewis for membership. New Jersey petitioned to become part of Mid-Atlantic.

Officials report by Laurie Boemker. Official's compensation was discussed which does not affect the Youth meets at this time. They have adopted a national shirt. They have also purchased weather writer boards. The shirt issue was brought up. It is not mandatory yet that the Officials shirts been worn at the National meets. Discussion was brought back on the floor regarding the entry date for the Youth meet. We will abide by the Executive Board decision to follow the 14-day cut off.

Meeting adjourned

Respectfully submitted by
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